

[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

(a) the number of clerks and copyists appointed in the High Court ever since Mr. Joseph Taliat became the Acting Chief Justice;

(b) how many of them are —

- (i) Cheramars;
- (ii) Sambavars;
- (iii) Fishermen;
- (iv) Kammalas (Asaries);
- (v) Kuravas;
- (vi) Chetties;
- (vii) members of the Krishnamvakai community;
- (viii) Ezhavas;
- (ix) Yogisvaras;
- (x) Vellalas;
- (xi) Saliyas;
- (xii) Hindu Nadars; and
- (xiii) members of other communities; and

(c) the number of applications received from Vellalas and Hindu Nadars?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Six clerks and two copyists were appointed in acting vacancies. Copyists are not appointed by the Chief Justice.

(b) (iv) Kammalas—one (Clerk)

(vi) Chetties—one (Clerk)

(viii) Ezhavas—one (Clerk)

(xiii) Members of other communities—Five (3 clerks and 2 copyists).

(c) Applications from Vellalas—Nil.

Do. from Nadars—3.

Introduction of a ferry service at Vazhakuttam.

135. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (b) of my question No. 28, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 4th August 1930, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the P. W. D. Division Officer has reported upon the necessity for a ferry service at Vazhakuttam; and

(b) if so, the further steps taken on the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes. An interim report has been received from him.

(b) Further action can be taken only after the receipt of the final report.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know when the report of the P. W. D. Division Officer was called for?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): On the 4th April 1931.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know when the interim report was submitted to the Chief Engineer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know the opinion of the P. W. D. Division Officer as seen from the interim report?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): His opinion is that the ferry service is necessary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What further opinion is required in the final report of the P. W. D. Division Officer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has been asked for information regarding the annual cost of the ferry.

Teaching of technical subjects in High School classes.

135. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme for introducing technical subjects for optional study in the High School classes;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether it has been brought into effect;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, the reason for the same; and

(d) whether anybody has volunteered to give weaving instruction in the Mavelikara English High School?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The consideration of the question of introducing vocational subjects had to be deferred owing to financial stringency.

(d) No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (d), may I know whether anybody has offered to give instruction voluntarily by means of an application to the headmaster and whether the headmaster has forwarded that application to the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information given by the Director of Public Instruction is that there is no such application.

Funds for the Chakkuvalli-Kulasekharapuram road.

137. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any allotment in this year's (1107) Budget for the completion of the construction of the Chakkuvalli-Kulasekharapuram road; and

(b) whether any amount was spent on the road in the current year (1107)?